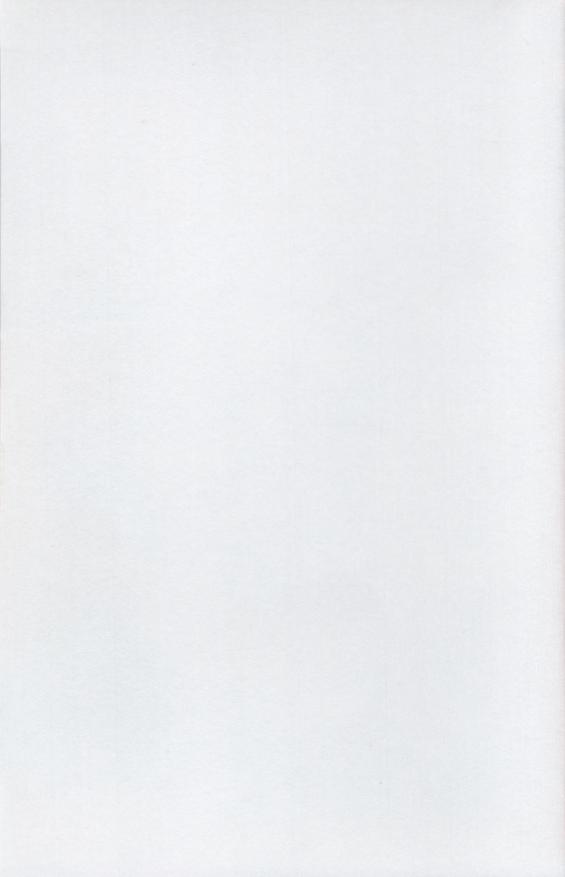
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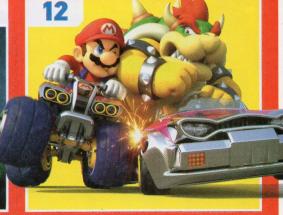
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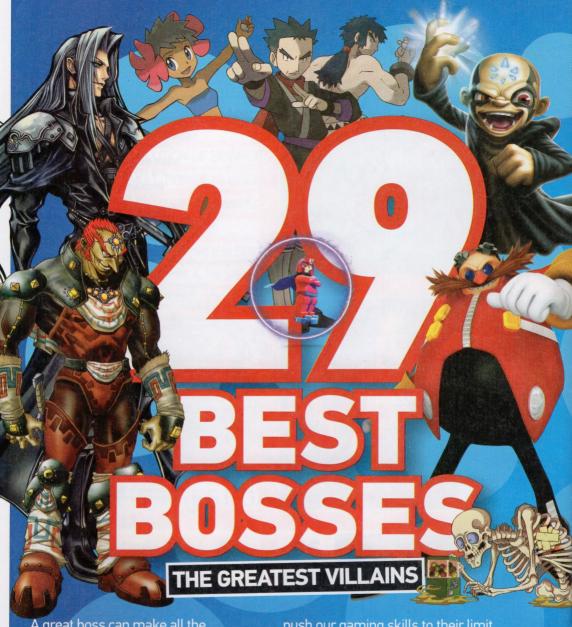
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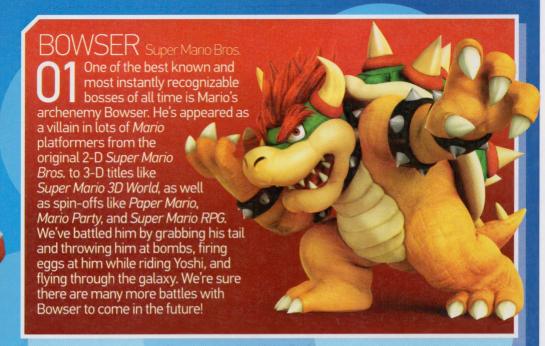






A great boss can make all the difference to a game. Even if you start to get so skillful that levels are a breeze, the challenge of a final boss is always a daunting one. Bosses give us a rival to go up against, a reason to go on an adventure, and an opportunity to

push our gaming skills to their limit. Whether you're fighting a gigantic, terrifying monster or having a one-on-one fight with a bitter rival in a smaller arena, boss fights can be some of the most exciting, tense, and rewarding parts of a video game.



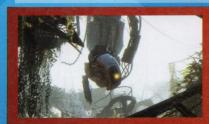


# **O2** You'll spend lots of resources to brew the potions and craft the tools you need to take on *Minecraft*'s toughest boss—and all that preparation makes it an even more epic encounter

# SEPHIROTH Final Fantasy VII

**03** Given how many *Final Fantasy* villains there are, it says a lot that Sephiroth is still the most iconic. You must beat him in multiple forms before facing off one-on-one as Cloud.





# **GLADOS** Portal

**Q4** GLaDOS is the hilariously unhinged robot in charge of the test chambers that you must complete in *Portal*. She has some laughout-loud lines, and she puts up a tough fight at the end of the game, too.

# MASTER HAND Super Smash Bros.

One of the strangest bosses of all time has to be the Master Hand. It is a giant floating hand that created the Super Smash Bros. universe and will try to slap and crush you when you take it on!



# MIKETYSON

Mike Tyson's Punch Out!!

/ Get to the end of this boxing game and you'll face Tyson himself! He's known as one of the toughest bosses of all time, so don't be surprised if you lose!





# KAOS Skylanders

7 Kaos is a pretty cunning villain. but he can also be funny thanks to his massive ego and how worked up he gets when he is angry! We'll never tire of the satisfaction of taking him down with the Skylanders.

Bosses don't get any bigger than in Shadow of the Colossus. The thirteenth colossus is a great example of how epic



each battle can be. After chasing the flying beast through the desert on your horse, you have to leap onto a wing. climb on top of it, and hold on as it twists through the sky in a spectacular scene. You'll make your way along its massive body to get to its weak points.



Star Wars

O The iconic villain Darth Vader has made lots of video game appearances over the years, including Super Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back, the Star Wars LEGO games, and Star Wars Battlefront.





## M. BISON Street Fighter

Bison can close in on you quickly, and has special attacks that can hit you high or low. He also can reverse projectiles to throw them back at you, making him a tough opponent.



## ORD VORTECH

While you're collecting heroes, Lord Vortech is putting together an army of villains. Take them down and then you can go up against Vortech himself!

# SEIFER & EDEA

Final Fantasy VIII

12 You have to take on your rival and former classmate in battle before going up against the evil sorceress he is protecting. This moment is one of Final Fantasy VIII's most memorable scenes.





## **GASHADOKURO** Yo-kai Watch 2

This gigantic Yo-kai controls all the capsule machines in the world and doesn't like to let people win!





# OSTOMP Splatoon

You can use your character's ability to swim in paint to climb up this boss and get to the tentacle on his back. Start spraying Octostomp with paint to create a path. It's a unique fight!

# RFN/BLUE Pokémon Gold/Silver

6 Fighting against the main character from the original *Pokémon* and



for winning!

testing your Pokémon against his was a really cool little moment for anyone who played the original game.

# XIGBAR Kingdom Hearts 2

7 This eye patch-wearing bad guy teleports around the combat arena firing laser arrows at you that you must deflect back using Warp Snipe. He might look more human than your average Heartless, but don't trust him.



# **BIG FUZZ**

Contra III: The Alien Wars

18 When you see two giant hands rip through the wall behind you and tear it open to reveal a gigantic Terminator-like robot, you know you're in for an epic battle!





# \_AVOS Chrono Trigger

19 This huge alien boss actually succeeds in destroying the world until you go back in time to change the course of history. You can get different endings by defeating Lavos at different points in the game's story.

# **DOCTOR EGGMAN**

Sonic the Hedgehag

stop him.

Almost as long as Mario has been doing battle with Bowser, Sonic has been fighting against Doctor Eggman, formally known as Dr. Robotnik. The devious inventor often appears as a boss multiple times in each Sonic game with a new device to try to stop the blue hedgehog. He might attach a giant hammer, drills, or spikes to his flying craft, or create a robot to take you on in his place. Whatever he tries, though, Sonic always finds a way to



Game On!

# **ANDROSS**

Star Fox 64

1 Star Fox's final boss is the evil scientist Andross in the form of a giant floating head that tries to chew you up and spit you out. Since no one likes ending up as a scientist's lunch, it's time for some evasive maneuvers!



# MAGNETO

LEGO Marvel Super Heroes

Legendary X-Men villain Magneto appears as a - cool boss in *LEGO Marvel* Super Heroes, creating a gigantic LEGO version of himself using his magnetic mutant powers. Beating him comes down to good timing, as you have to dodge his attacks and wait to collect the bricks he throws at you to create items that will eventually take him down.



# AREA 4 BOSS Rez

Chasing and being chased by this 23 strange shifting collection of blocks that forms into a human figure is a great example of how Rez blends music and action. It's an intimate experience unlike any other game.

# CROCOMIRE Super Metroid

You can't beat Crocomire with your weapons. Instead, you have to shoot it in the mouth when it opens wide to make it stumble backward. forcing it onto a bridge that'll collapse.



## DOBKERATOPS R-Type

This recurring foe from *R-Type* is undoubtedly the series's most iconic enemy. It's an early example of how surprising us with a gigantic boss can truly blow our minds.



# THE ELITE FOUR The Polyengon Masters you have to best to be the very best.

## **BRUNO**

26 Bruno is part of the Elite Four in the original *Pokémon Red & Blue* and stayed there in *Gold & Silver*. He uses Fighting-type Pokémon.

## KOGA

27 A member of the Elite Four in Pokémon Gold & Silver, Koga focuses on Poison-type Pokémon like Muk, Venomoth, and Ariados.

## PHOEBE

28 This cheery Pokémon Master's favorite Pokémon type might not be what you expect! She is a fan of Ghost-type Pokémon.

# SIDNEY

29 The first member of the Elite Four you will face in *Pokémon Omega Ruby & Alpha Sapphire* is this trainer who favors Dark-type Pokémon.





appeared in over

Super Mario games have sold over 300 million copies.

Super Mario's main theme was in the Billboard ringtone charts for 125 weeks

In Paper Mario, Bowser's toughest form has

# SUPER MARIO

# THE BOWSER BEATER

When it comes to battling bosses, no one has been doing it for longer than Mario! His great nemesis is, of course, Bowser, who he first defeated back in 1985 in the original Super Mario Bros. Since then, Mario has foiled many of Bowser's evil plans, most recently in Super Mario 3D World, where Bowser uses a power-up to

transform into a cat and chase you up a huge skyscraper! There have been plenty of other bosses to deal with, including Wario and King Boo. No matter the boss, you always know what to do jump on their head or attack their weak spot. In that respect, every battle is

just like Mario games as a whole—simple, but brilliant.



## HIT THE WEAK POINT



### COLLECT LIVES



# **SUPER MARIO**

# TOP MARIO MOMENTS



# SUPER MARIO WORLD

You can still play the game that many consider not only to be the best *Mario*, but the best video game of all time, via Nintendo's Virtual Console.

# **SUPER MARIO GALAXY**

This title showcases the *Mario* series's ability to come up with creative new ideas. It uses motion control in this awesome 3-D *Mario* where you soar between planets. The possibilities are endless in this incredible world!





# SUPER MARIO 3D WORLD

The most recent mainline Mario game proves that the iconic plumber has still got it. This game introduces some cool new power-ups such as the Super Bell.



# SUPER MARIO BROS. 3

There are so many great 2-D Mario games that also deserve this spot, but for us, the wonderful Super Mario Bros. 3 just edges out the competition.

# **SUPER MARIO 64**

Just as the 2-D Mario games set the standard for 2-D platformers, the first 3-D Mario set a high bar for 3-D platformers that everyone else tried to match.



## **WATCH THE CLOCK!**

It's easy to forget that *Mario* levels are timed. Keep an eye on the clack so you don't run cull of rime



# **EXCITE-O-METER**

but we want a new Mario!

- Perfect platforming
- tconic characters
  - We need a sequel!



SUPER MARIO

# BOSS RUSH: SUPER MARIO

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR TAKING ON MARIO'S TOUGHEST BOSSES

# THE KOOPALINGS

New Super Mario Bros. U

# MORTON KOOPA JR.

Morton hits bits of enemies toward you. Wait until he has fired all the body parts and jump on him.

# IGGY KOOPA

Only try to attack lggy when he comes out of the warp pipes. Avoid projectiles and the lava beasts.

# WENDY O. KOOPA

Be careful on the ice, watch for the icicles Wendy sends crashing down, and jump on her when she skates past you.

# LEMMY KOOPA

The bombs Lemmy throws are easy to dodge or jump on. Use a decent run up to get enough height to reach Lemmy's head, or use a wall jump.

# LARRY KOOPA

Avoid the slow projectiles Larry fires.
Stay above him and find a chance to jump on him.

# LUDWIG VON KOOPA

The clone that fires three projectiles is the real Ludwig. If he descends to the floor, attack him.

# **SUPER MARIO**



# MOTLEY BOSSBLOB

Super Mario 3D World

This troublesome little jester covers himself in metal blobs to transform himself into a huge metal monster. When he is in this form, avoid his stomps—his shadow tells you where he is going to land. Eventually, he'll do a big stomp that shakes all the blobs off him and leaves him vulnerable. Take this opportunity to jump on him.



Roy fires Bullet Bills at you that you can jump on. Try to stay on the platforms above Roy to easily jump on him.

## MEGALEG Super Mano Galaxy

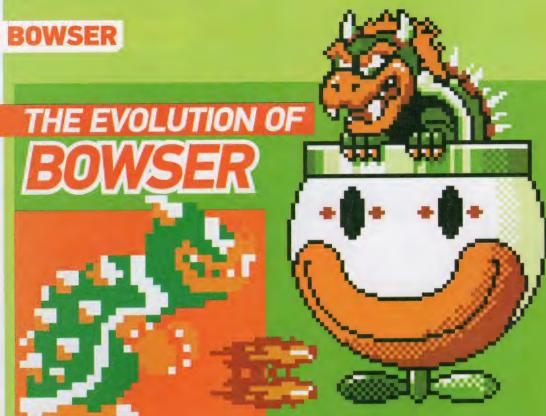
Run up the boss's leg to the top. Guide Bullet Bills to the cage in the center to destroy it. Once the dome is vulnerable, guide another Bullet Bill to finish it.



# C

## **MFGAHAMMFR**

Use Yoshi's tongue to catch the Bullet Bills Megahammer fires at you and shoot them back at the two blue orbs on its front to destroy them. Use the Sling Star to get behind Megahammer and hit the final blue orb on its back.



# JPER MARIO BROS

Mario's first encounter that tough. He spits collapses and Bowser is finished!

# SUPER MARIO WORLD

really became a threat. You battle him on top of his castle while he flies above you in a Koopa Clown Car. Bowser tosses Mechakoopas down at you that you have to jump on and throw back at him during three different phases, each with new attacks for you to avoid.

# SUPFR MARIO 64

Mario's first 3-D entry gives us our first peek at an all-new 3-D Bowser that you battle three times during the game. To defeat him, you get behind him, grab his tail, spin him around, and then throw him into the bombs around the edge of the level.





number of appearances in but this game is unique in that you actually play as Bowser! He's still a bad guy, but he ends up working with Mario & Luigi to defeat beginning of the game.

games are full of memorable moments that include your encounters with a gravity-defying Bowser In order to defeat him, you need to aim and stomp asteroids into him while avoiding his punches.

# SUPER MARIO 3D WORLD

Bowser throws bombs at you from a car that you have to hit back at him. At the end, he uses a Super Bell to turn into a cat Bowser that chases you up a skyscraper. Avoid his attacks and you get the chance to hit a POW block below him to send him flyina

# MARIO KART 8

It was all the way back first leaped into a kart favorite. Bowser is a very heavy character with poor acceleration, but a great top speed to compensate.



Pokémon right now! Whether you want to go the traditional route and explore the Hawaii-inspired island of Alola in Pokémon Sun & Moon on 3DS, or get out your smartphone to search for Pokémon in the real world using smash hit Pokémon GO's augmented reality system, you're going to have a areat time! While Pokémon Sun & Moon has brand-new Pokémon to discover, including the new starters Rowlet, Litten, and Popplio, Pokémon GO offers a new way to experience Pokémon by getting you outside to catch a powerful roster to help you take Gyms for your team.

SAVE YOUR INCUBATOR

**GET PIKACHU** 

# NEW POKÉMON

# MIMIKYU

This adorable-looking Ghost/ Fairy-type Pokémon wants to be loved like Pikachu, which is why it wears a disguise to look like the famous Pokémon.

# KOMALA

This sleepy little Normal-type Pokémon can only have the Sleep special condition. That's why no one has ever seen this Pokémon awake.





# ROCKRUFF

This Rock-type Pokémon is a real scrapper that never aives up. When it evolves, it will separate from its trainer and return when its evolution has been completed.

# BEWEAR

This Normal/ Fighting-type Pokémon is well known for its incredible strength. It's not surprising given that it is the

tallest and heaviest Pokémon on this list.

# **BRUXISH**

Competing to be the mostcolorful Pokémon is this tropical fish, Bruxish. This Water/Psychic-type its psychic power from horn on its head.



## TRADE IN POKÉMON

# **EXCITE-O-METER**

- Exercise and play
  New Pokemon to
  catch and train
  Fun with friends



# BOSS RUSH: KEMO

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR BATTLING POKÉMON'S TOUGHEST BOSSES

# LEGENDARY POKÉMON

Any self-respecting Pokemon Master wants to hunt down the rare and powerful Legendary Pokémon. Start off by having at least one Pokemon they are weak against in your party—Water against Fire, for example—to take down a Pokémon who can't attack you makes



## First appearance: Pokémon X

Location: Team Flare's Lab Type: Fairy Weakness: Steel & Poison

XFRNFAS

# TORNADUS

First appearance: Pokémon Black

Location: Roaming Unova

Type: Flying

Weakness: Electric, Ice

& Rock

# MEWTWO

First appearance: Pokémon Red & Blue Location: Cerulean Cave Type: Psychic

Weakness: Bug, Dark

& Ghost

# REGIGIGAS

First appearance: Pokémon Diamond & Pearl

Location: Snowpoint Temple

Type: Normal

Weakness: Fighting

# GROUDON

First appearance: Pokémon Ruby

Location: Cave of Origin

Type: Ground

Weakness: Grass, Ice & Water



# TIPS & TRICKS B耳加州耳B三

# ESSENTIAL

## SUPER FFFFCTIVE

1 Whether you're taking on Gyms in Pokémon GO or a more traditional Pokémon game like Sun & Moon, prepare a party of Pokémon that are strong against the type you will be battling.



# TFAM UP

7 Take friends on the same team as you when you head off to take down a Gym. You will have a much better chance of success and can fill it with Pokémon quickly if you defeat it.



# BE PREPARED

12 It's important to have a good variety of items on you when you head into a Gym, not just for healing your Pokemon between fights, but for curing status effects like Sleep and Burn.



# QUICK

## THE RIGHT BALL



When you're picking a Pokémon to defend a Gym, don't just look at their Combat Power. Pokémon like Chancey and Lapras often have higher HP than Pakémon with higher CP.

# BEAT BETTER POKÉMON

5 Swiping to the side while fiahting in Pokémon GO enables you to dodge attacks. Keep practicing your timing and you'll find it's possible to beat Pokémon that are a much higher level than you, once you learn their attacks.



# THE RIGHT MOVES

7 Training Pokémon to learn the right moves makes all the difference. For example, give a Normaltype a Dark-type move and it'll be super effective against Ghost-types without taking damage from their moves!



# SHARE THE WEALTH

Take advantage of the high level of experience points awarded for Gym trainer fights by equipping an Exp. Share item to weaker Pokémon in your party that you want to level up.



8 You need to take on the Elite Four in succession once you've earned your eight badges, so you need to build yourself a good, balanced team that can adapt to any challenge.



## **TALK TO EVERYONE**

## **CHECK YOUR STATS**



# STREET FIGHTER V MASTER YOUR SKILLS

Street Fighter has always been a series about honing your skills, and that means that working toward beating a final boss style, learned their best moves and how to use them, you've then got to put



### **TEST THE ROSTER**

now to best counter them.

## DON'T JUMP IN

# STREET FIGHTER V

# TOP BOSSES

# M. BISON

The man that rules the criminal organization called Shadaloo has to take the number-one spot. Using an evil energy called Psycho Power, he is a tough opponent.



## SAGAT

A long-time rival of Ryu due to the scar on his chest from Ryu's Dragon Punch, Sagat is the boss in the original *Street Fighter* and one of Bison's Four Kings in later games.

# **AKUMA**

Akuma is a powerful character with a similar moveset to Ryu. Unlike Ryu, he is obsessed with destroying foes.



# VEGA

Another of Bison's Four Kings, Vega is known for speed and agility that lets him leap off of the edge of the stage and climb on walls.

# BALROG

Said to be based on the boxer Mike Tyson, Balrog first appeared in *Street Fighter II* as one of the Four Kings and is still in *Street Fighter V*.



## **LEARN COMBOS**

Learning a few simple combos in training mode can make a big difference when you get into battle for real

# **EXCITE-O-METER**

One of the best fighting game series of all time!

- Regular updates
- Rewards skill and
- A great multiplayer



# STREET FIGHTER V STREET FIGHTER STREET FIGHTER: THE MOVIE The only game in which Bison is portrayed by a real person is this video game adaptation of the 1994 movie that uses a digitized version of the actor who played Bison. STREET FIGHTER II M. Bison made his debut in Street Fighter II as the final boss. Like the three characters you beat before you get to him—Balrog, Vega, and Sagat—he is a non-playable character. STREET FIGHTER FIGHTER EX3 2000 ALPHA 1995 The EX series broke By the time you get to the from the traditional 2-D style of the Street Fighter Alpha series, M. Bison has series to use full 3-D become a playable character graphics, resulting in a and a boss. He bulked up. chunky polygonal keeps his trademark version of M. Bison. cape on in battle, and has white eyes. 26 Game On!







### GO FOR GOLD

give you a continue, which is

gigantic floating fortress, and Andross himself are just a few of the bosses that will test both your shooting skills and your piloting ability as you try to dodge and outmaneuver your enemies on your way to victory.

### **ALTERNATE PATH**

Sector Beta for an allemate

# **STAR FOX ZERO**



Ihis hotshot pilot is seen as Fox McCloud's right-hand man thanks to his incredible flying skills. You'll be glad to have him fighting alongside you when you face Andross!

## FOX McCLOUD

The main character and leader of the Star Fox team, Fox McCloud is a true hero and expert pilot who is willing to do anything to save the day.

Peppy is a mentor to Fox McCloud and a loyal ally. One of the most quoted lines in gaming came from him, when he instructed Fox to "Do a barrel roll!" in Star Fox 64.

He's got a reputation for getting into trouble with enemies and needing you to come and save him. However, we can't help but love poor old Slippy Toad for that!

## THE RIGHT TOOLS

Charged shots are generally better for bigger enemies and your standard laser for smaller ones.

# **EXCITE-O-METER**

Il its glory.

Multiple paths to take

Lots of cool bosses

Campaign isn't that





# BOSS RUSH: STAR FOX ZERO

BECOME AN ELITE PILOT BY BEATING STAR FOX ZERO'S TOUGHEST BOSSES

# AQUAROSA

# KEEP DODGING

While you should aim for the laser cannons, keep an eye out for antiaircraft fire from these guns.

# HIT THE **ASERS**

To take down Aguarosa, destroy all these laser cannons. Try to take them out quickly, but stay on the move to avoid their fire.

# TIME TO RUN!

When you see electricity like this on the central pillar, it's time to boost away quickly, because it means the fortress is about to put up an

electromagnetic shield that will damage you if it hits.

During the fight, Aguarosa will raise itself up higher out of the water, revealing extra cannons you have to destroy to win.

**PHASE TWO** 

# WATCH THE SHIELD

Keep an eye on your shield and turn your attention away from the station to collect rings to refill it if it starts to aet low.



# GIGARII I A

Use your boost to avoid Gigarilla's swipes and get behind it by running under it in Walker mode. Shoot the cross on its back to damage it. Finally, a hatch will open—land on the hatch in Walker mode to switch Gigarilla off.





# PIGMA DENGAR

You meet Pigma in Area 3 of Star Fox Zero. Try to take as little damage as possible during the battle as the stage isn't over once he's defeated and you need to get the final point. Get in position to lock on and hit him. If he's close behind you, use the somersault move to turn the tables.

# DA: BREATH OF THE



# **STATS**

550 million copies of Zelda games sold.

Metacritic score for The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time.

**28** *Zelda* games (and spin-offs) 🍱 released in total.

# INK RETURNS TO BATTLE THE ELEMENTS

Ganon, Ganondorf, whatever you want to call him, has tormented Link throughout the long-running series of Zelda games. Alternating between two formshumanoid and a massive demonic piglike creature—previous adventures have seen Ganon capture Princess Zelda and attempt to conquer the world of Hyrule with the Triforce of Power that provides him with the power of the gods. In the

new game, Breath of the Wild, Calamity Ganon has been sealed within the confines of Hyrule Castle after destroying much of the land and has continued to grow in power while trapped. Now, 100 years later. Link awakens from a deep sleep to traverse a ruined kingdom ravaged by nature and face off against Ganon one more time in what looks to be his greatest adventure yet.



THE LEGEND BEGINS 1986

AS GOOD AS IT GETS? 1998

# ZELDA: BREATH OF THE WILD

# TOP-5) THINGS IN BOTW



## JUMP

It sounds crazy but this is the first Zelda game to feature an actual jump button. We are no longer reliant on iffy auto-jump mechanics, we can leap over gaps and objects using our own timing and precision. This is groundbreaking for fans.

## CLIMB ANYWHERE

As the land has become severely overgrown, players are able to scale almost any surface to explore.

Climbing consumes stamina, though, so you need to ensure you have enough energy to reach some places.





# SUMMON A WOLF

The game will come with amiibo support and its own Wolf Link amiibo. When players tap this wolf it'll spawn a companion that can be used to attack enemies and search for items.



# WRECK YOUR GEAR

In the new Zelda, your equipment and weapons have a finite lifespan, so if you are too reliant on one sword it will get weaker and eventually break.

## COOK FOOD

Link can now create meals that help him recover health and even get boosts in other abilities. Cooking is now the only way to regain health—no more hearts



# EXCITE-O-METER

- More than 100 shrines to disove
- Equip awesome new weapons
  - We've been waiting



BREATH OF FRESH AIR 2017 The Legend of Zelda Breath of the Wild will be released on the WiLU and the new NX console

# THE LEGEND OF ZELDA

# BOSS RUSH: THE LEGEND OF ZELDA

STRATEGIES TO HELP YOU DEFEAT ZELDA'S BEST BOSSES

# THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: WIND WAKER HD



# KALLE DEMOS

With the Boomerang, sever the tentacles to cut the boss down. The flower will fall and open, but it can close as you attack!

# IALHALLA

With the Mirror Shield, direct light at the boss to make him fall. Use the Power Bracelets to pick him up and throw him at the spikes—this turns him into Poes you can attack.

# GOHMA

Grapple the dragon's tail in the ceiling and then swing off to make the ceiling collapse on Gohma. Repeat until its armor crumbles, then grapple its eye and attack with your sword.

## MOLGERA

Use the Hookshot on Molgera's tongue to pull it to you to attack it. Use this strategy on the enemies it sends to hurt you.



Dodge Helmaroc's attack so his beak gets stuck, then use the Hammer to crack its helmet. Repeat until the bird is defeated.







#### THE EVOLUTION OF GANON

# LEGEND OF ZELDA THE EXOLUTIONS OF CANON

## THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: THE OCARINA OF TIME

1998

#### GANON

After defeating Ganondorf, he uses the Triforce of Power to transform. Stun him with arrows to his face so you can get to his weak point: his tail.

#### PHANTOM GANON

You'll fight Ganon three times in Ocarina of Time. As Phantom Ganon, he attacks by leaping out of paintings along with two fake clones. The real Ganon is given away by its lighter color.

#### GANONDORF

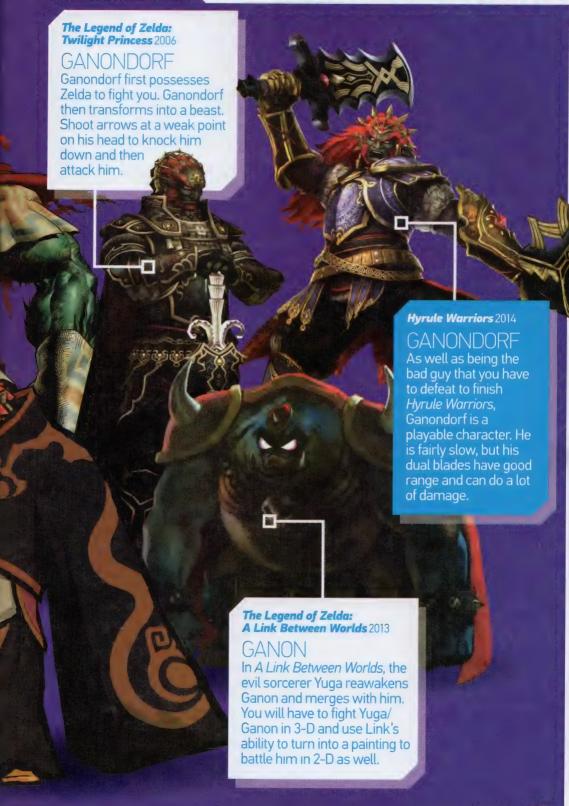
In your second fight with Ganon, he uses his magical abilities to float in the air while firing energy orbs. You must hit them back at him with your sword until he takes a hit and becomes vulnerable to attack.

The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker 2002

#### GANON

Zelda will help you defeat Ganon by firing arrows while you attack him with your sword. You must use parries to counter Ganon's attacks and damage him.

#### THE EVOLUTION OF GANON



## METROID PRIME: FEBERATION FORCE



#### **STATS**

between the first and latest games.

## 17.44 million

copies of *Metroid* games sold.

Metacritic score for Metroid Prime.

13 Metroid games (and spin-offs) released in total.

## METROID PRIME: FEDERATION FORCE

## TEAM UP TO KICK SPACE PIRATE BUTT!

Devious Space Pirates have been a plague throughout the *Metroid* series. First appearing in the original *Metroid* game on the NES, the war is still ongoing in *Metroid Prime: Federation Force*.

Resembling humanoid reptiles, the Space Pirates plunder colonies and ships and exist in an insect-like hive society. In the new game, available on 3DS, you can team up to join a four-player local or online squad to try to eliminate those pirates once and for all.

In each mission you can choose your role in the team by selecting from different subweapons and MODs to customize your mech. Whether you opt to help keep your squad alive as a medic or go all out with increased firepower to take out as many pirates as possible, the choice is yours.



#### THE WAR BEGINS 1986

The very first *Metroid* game is released, introducing the evil Space Pirates.

PRIMED FOR STARDOM 2002
The first game in the *Prime* trilogy to have the mutated form of Metroid is released.

#### METROID PRIME: FEDERATION FORCE

## METROID PRIME GAMES

#### **METROID PRIME**

Samus receives a distress call and travels to Tallon IV to stop the Space Pirates from exploiting a powerful radioactive substance called Phazon. which has mutated the Metroid (parisitic organisms).



Samus is sent to investigate a planet after a squad of GF Marines was lost there. She then stumbles across an evil race called the Ing, which creates Dark versions of what it kills.

#### **METROID** PRIME PINBALL

An imaginative spin-off game that mirrors the storyline of the original Metroid Prime game, but presents it through pinball-style gameplay instead of firstperson shooter

#### PRIME UNTERS

Hunters had its own unique storyline and locations as Samus is sent to hunt down an Ultimate Power in a far-off corner of the galaxy.

#### METROID PRIME 3: CORRUPTION

The final game of the Prime trilogy was released on. the Wii in 2007 and sees Samus destroy her Dark alter ego and the planet that caused the Metroids to mutate in the

#### EXCITE-O-METER

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#### METROID

# BOSS RUSH: METROID

HOW TO BEAT METROID'S BEASTLY BOSS MONSTERS

#### **VORASH**

## BELLY UP

Vorash's weak point is the pink-colored section on its underside. Shoot at it when Vorash leaps into the air and exposes it to grab a few hits.

#### READY TO MOVE

Toward the end of the battle, Vorash will leap up onto land and try to chomp on Samus. Use vour SenseMove ability to dodge the attack.

#### GO FISHING

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When Vorash opens its mouth wide you can hook onto the grapple point it accidentally swallowed before the fight. You can then reel it onto land like a pro fisherman, exposing its weak point for high damage.

#### FEELING HOT

While avoiding Vorash's fireballs, be very careful about falling into the lava and try to stay on the two rocky islands to keep Samus safe.

#### METRO

#### DARK SAMUS

Metroid Prime 2: Echoes

In your final battle with Dark Samus, wait until she goes into stealth mode and use the Echo Visor to lock on and fire at her with Super Missiles. When she transforms into her final form, use the Charge Beam to absorb her Phazon bullets and fire them back.

#### FLAAHGRA Metroid Prime

Use Missiles to shut off the Mirror Arrays around Flaahgra—it'll retract its tentacles. Use Morph Ball to move into the new area and Bomb Flaahgra.



#### DRAYGON Super Metroid

Draygon's weak point is its belly, but there is another way to beat it. Destroy the turrets on the walls at the start of the fight

and let Draygon pick you up.
Shoot the electrified remains
of the turret with your

grappling beam while Draygon is holding you and it will take heavy damage.



Metroid Prime 3: Corruption

Recurring character Ridley is the Metroid series's most famous boss and he returns again in Metroid Prime 3. Start by shooting at his mouth when it is open and glowing, then use the Grapple Lasso to rip off Ridley's armor Repeat until Ridley generates new Phazite armor and then use the X-Ray Visor with the Nova Beam to get through it.

#### **SKYLANDERS: IMAGINATORS**

# **350**

different *Skylanders* figures are available.

#### 250 million

Skylanders toys sold since 2011.

6th installment in the Skylanders series.

31 Skylanders figures that'll become available.

## SKYLANDERS: IMAGINATORS

## UNLEASH THE POWER OF YOUR IMAGINATION

Throughout the Skylanders series, one antagonist has been featured as the baddest boss, and he goes by the name of Kaos. Short, bald, and menacing, Kaos returns in Skylanders: Imaginators and attempts to take over the Skylands once again, but this time players can unleash the power of their imagination to keep him at bay. How? By creating their own unique Skylanders.

All aspects, including appearance, powers, abilities, name, and more, can be customized. Then created characters can be trained by Skylanders Senseis to harness new powers and wield great weapons. And, like Spyro in the original game, *Imaginators* will also reintroduce an old PlayStation icon in Crash Bandicoot, who will bring his own blend of spinning, bounding antics to the party.



**CRASH IN TIME 1996** 

Crash Bandicoot stars in his very first game, released on the original PlayStation console. **CRASHED OUT 2010** 

Crash was last seen in *Nitro Kart 2*, a mobile racing game
for the iPhone and iPod touch.

#### **SKYLANDERS: IMAGINATORS**

# TOP SKYLANDERS GAMES



#### SKYLANDERS: SPYRO'S ADVENTURE

Old PlayStation fave Spyro stars in this first "toys-to-life" *Skylanders* adventure in which players place plastic figures on the Portal of Power to bring them to life in the game.

#### **SKYLANDERS: GIANTS**

The first Skylanders sequel has players racing Kaos to the Lost City to retrieve the Iron Fist of Arkus to prevent the mischievous villain from harnessing its powers for evil.



A freak volcanic eruption enables the *Skylanders* heroes to switch bodies—so you can pair the legs of one with the torso of another.



#### SKYLANDERS: SUPERCHARGERS

Featuring a larger Portal of Power to accommodate vehicles, the action in this game is more driving oriented as players once again attempt to foil Kaos's devious plans for domination.

#### SKYLANDERS: TRAP TEAM

The aim is to capture escaped convicts with traps. The trap to snare Kaos sold out and got triple figures on eBay.



#### **CRASH IS BACK 2016**

Crash Bandicoot returns as a new playable character (and figure) in the new Skylanders Imaginators game.

#### **EXCITE-O-METER**

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**SKYLANDERS: SUPERCHARGERS** 

HOW TO LEAD YOUR SKYLANDERS TO VICTORY AGAINST SUPERCHARGERS'S BEST BOSSES



Beating BattleBrawl Island's three bosses

## KAOS

Kaos starts by firing lines of spiky balls at you, which vou must avoid. He will then send out waves of balls that you need to jump over to continue attacking him. When Kaos creates multiple copies of himself to confuse you, look for the one wearing the crown and attack him.

#### SPFLLSLAM7FR

Jump over Spellslamzer's saw blades and focus on taking out the Spell Punks when Spellslamzer summons enemies to fight you. Spellslamzer will eventually teleport you to a new area. Continue dodging his projectiles and attacking him until he teleports you back to the arena, then finish him off.

## ONEYBONE

Keep your distance from Moneybone to make it easier to dodge his fiery dash attacks. purple wave, guickly drive into one of the Perspective Gates to be



#### BRIMSTONE & BOULDERS

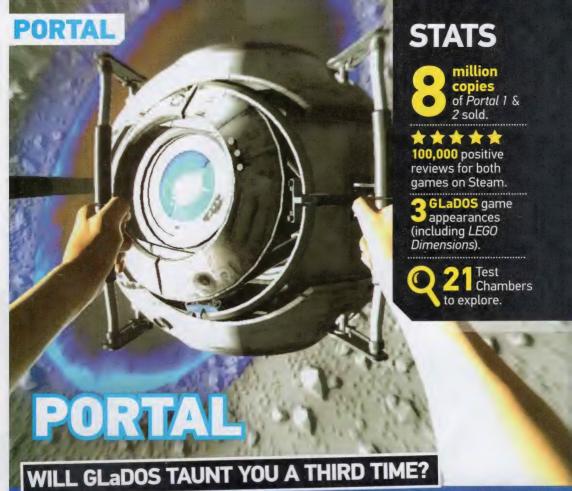
Brimstone shoots fireballs at you while Boulders sends out shockwaves for you to jump over and tosses boulders for you to dodge. Avoid their attacks as best you can and unleash your own offensive to defeat them whenever they jump in the arena.





#### CAPTAIN BRISTLESTACHE

Bristlestache will send out his minions at first, but once they are defeated he will jump into the arena. You need to watch out for Bristlestache's sword swipe, but it is pretty easy to see it coming, so you shouldn't have too much trouble avoiding it.



Appearing merely as a voice to guide the player—the portal-jumping heroine Chell—GLaDOS (Genetic Lifeform and Disk Operating System) soon took a more sinister turn in the very first *Portal* game. She became more malicious to Chell before ultimately being destroyed in the first game's showdown.

GLaDOS was reactivated in Portal 2, but in a clever twist she was forced to work alongside Chell to outmaneuver the power-crazed Wheatley, a friendly droid turned baddie who attempted to seize control of the facility. In the end Wheatley is ejected into space and GLaDOS turns evil again, so we're eagerly awaiting Portal 3. Just what gaming platform the game will appear on remains a mystery, although the HTC Vive VR system remains a possibility.



PORTAL 2007

We are first introduced to Chell, GLaDOS, and the awesome Portal Gun



PORTAL 2 2011

A thrilling sequel that added the frantic-voiced Wheatley Al to accompany GLaDOS

# TOP-) GLaDOS QUOTES



#### **PORTAL**

"Please note that we have added a consequence for failure. Any contact with the chamber floor will result in an 'unsatisfactory' mark on your official testing record, followed by death."

#### PORTAL

"The Enrichment Center is required to remind you that the Weighted Companion Cube cannot talk. In the event that it does talk, the Enrichment Center asks you to ignore its advice."





#### PORTAL

"Due to mandatory scheduled maintenance, the next test is currently unavailable. It has been replaced with a live-fire course designed for military androids. The Enrichment Center wishes you the best of luck."

#### PORTAL

"I'm not kidding now! Turn back or I will kill you! I'm going to kill you, and all the cake is gone! You don't even care, do you? This is your last chance!"





#### PORTAL 2

Finally, after being reactivated by Wheatley in Portal 2, GLaDOS proves she doesn't hold a grudge: "How have you been? I've been really busy being dead. You know, after you murdered me!"

#### **PORTAL 3 20??**

Rumors of a third installment continue to flood the Internet. So far Valve is keeping tight-lipped.

## **EXCITE-O-METER**

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#### PORTAL

# BOSS RUSH: PORTAL

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO TAKING OUT THE PORTAL BOSSES



To win this battle, put GLaDOS's cores into the incinerator. You'll find the first core on the floor. Place a portal directly above the incinerator and then pick up the core.



#### PUSH THE BUTTON

Head up the stairs to this button, which opens the incinerator for a short time. and place a portal on the wall. Press the

#### 3. BE THE BAIT

To knock the remaining cores off GLaDOS, place a portal facing her Now use yourself as bait for the rocket turret and place a portal behind you. Move out of the way to avoid the rocket; it will go through the portal and hit GLaDOS.





#### 4. FINISH THE JOB

After you hit GLaDOS, a core will be knocked off, landing somewhere in the arena. Use the skills you've learned to collect it and put it in the incinerator Repeat this process and GLaDOS will be defeated.

#### WHEATLEY Portal 2

#### 1. BOMBS AWAY

Wheatley will fire bombs at you. You should lay down a portal in your place on the floor for the bombs to land in and another for the bombs to fly out of. Then you can get around Wheatley's shields to hit him.



#### 2. GRAB THE CORES

After hitting Wheatley with a bomb, he will be temporarily disabled. GLaDOS will then bring a core in for you. Portal your way to wherever the core is and grab it.



#### 3. PLUG IT IN

Once you've got your hands on attach it to Wheatley. He will then wake up and resume firing bombs at you again. Proceed by repeating the bombs and attaching cores.



## STALEMATE

asked to press the room. The doors will be closed, so you have to place a portal on the

# GAMER CHALLENG

#### **CHECK YOUR GAMING CRED**

- 01 How many Elite trainers do you fight at the end of a Pokémon game?
- 02 Seifer is a boss from which famous game?
- 03 True or false: Mario has appeared in over 200 games.
- 04 Bowser is a boss from which game series?
- 05 Which game is set on the tropical island of Alola? (<u>1.2.2.1)</u>
- 06 Name one member of the Star Fox Zero team.
- 07 What is the name of the latest Zelda game?
  - 08 What is the name of the main bad guy in Skylanders?
    - 09 Mewtwo is a boss from which game series?
  - 10 The floating fortress Aquarosa is a boss from which game?

- M GLaDOS is a character from which series?
- 12 Yoshi first appeared in which video game?
- 13 True or False: Vega, Balrog, and Sagat are part of the Four Kinas.
- 14 What is the name of the main villain in The Legend of Zelda?
- 15 Sagat is a boss from which game series?
- 16 What do you need eight of to fight the Elite Four?

## HOW DID

- **0-5** Gaming noob: you need to step it up!
- 6-10 Casual Gamer: you could do better!
- - Hardcore Gamer: you really know your stuff!

6 Gaming God: you totally rock!

14: GANON OR GANONDORF 15: STREET FIGHTER 16: BADGES WILD 08: KAOS 09: POKEMON 10: STAR FOX ZERO 11: PORTAL 12: SUPER MARIO WORLD 13: TRUE FOX MCCLOUD, PEPPY HARE, SLIPPY TOAD, FALCO LOMBARDI 07: THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: BREATH OF THE ANSWERS 01: FOUR 02: FINAL FANTASY VIII 03: TRUE 04: SUPER MARIO 05: POKEMON SUN & MOON 06:

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**RETRO REVIVAL** 



ALL ABOUT THE BOSSES

FIRST RELEASED

DEBUT CONSOLE SEGA Mega Drive

DEVELOPER Treasure This classic side-scrolling runand-gun is famous for its boss fights. Short levels with weak enemies are little more than breaks in between taking on challenging bosses. In fact, the game has more bosses than it does stages—there are 25 stages and 31 bosses to defeat. You can equip four weapons from a choice of six at the beginning of each stage. Using the right weapons in combination with your dash and hover moves is vital to success. If you're skilled enough, you can counter enemy projectiles to turn them into energy.





#### UNDERTALE

#### **STATS**

92 Metacritic score.

2.7 years

taken to develop.



\$51,124

raised to fund the project.



1million sales on Steam.



**BOY VERSUS MONSTER ACTION** 

Undertale is a very modern gaming success story. Crowdfunded through Kickstarter and developed by a lone coder over two and a half years, the game is a top-down RPG in which you're a kid who becomes trapped in a creepy underworld. Unsure of who to trust (a sentient flower who teaches you the mechanics of the game soon tries to

steal your soul), you must make your way to Asgore's castle, which contains the barrier to the surface world. Along the way you encounter several monsters before a face-off against the boss, Asgore himself. You need to get back to the real world, and Asgore needs one more human soul to break the barrier. Who will triumph?



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#### FIGHT

#### ACT







#### **USE ITEM**



#### **HAVE MERCY**

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An engaging and very orignal adventure game.



Features an engrossing story
Cool combat system





#### UNDERTALE

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR TAKING ON JNDERTALE'S BOSS MONSTERS









Mad Dummy will attack with magic from smaller dummies that shoot at you inside the box. When they shoot from below, place your heart in front of Mad Dummy and dodge at the last second so that the magic hits him.

#### NAPSTABLOOK

Unless you're not going for a pacifist run, you should select cheer to get past Napstablook. Wiggly tear will rain down when you select it. Try to keep your heart around the middle of the box to give you room to dodge left and right.





Muffet turns you purple at the beginning of this fight, meaning that you can only move up and down between lines in this battle. Simply avoid Muffet's attacks and eventually she will spare you. You can pay her gold to reduce the damage of attacks if you're struggling.

#### UNDYNE In this battle, you cannot move your heart while it is green. Ínstead, Undyne will give you a spear to use to block her attacks. Get ready to move down to dodge Undyne's spear swipe and the spears she throws at you. If you're playing the pacifist route, choose "Flee" when the option is given to you. ETTATON EX To win this fight you need to get the rating meter to 10,000. "Pose" for a small boost in ratings, then "Boast," and then avoid taking damage during a turn for a boost, or choose "Heel" Turn" to get a ratings boost from taking damage. **ASGORE** Select "Fight" at the beginning of this battle—nothing else will have any effect. He will shoot fire and use swipe attacks that you must dodge. If you're struggling, talk to him a few times and eat butterscotch pie to reduce Asgore's attack and defense.



#### **WHICH GAME?**

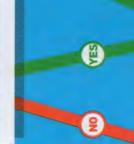
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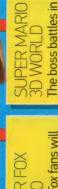
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**WANT YOUR** BOSS TO BE 

brilliant bosses in Star Fox fans will love battling the this dogfighting action game.

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A mix of puzzle and bosses often focus on new skills and BREATH OF action, Zelda's THE WILD **Test your brain by** defeat the crazed using your portal ouzzle skills to



Portal's sequel Wheatley in



**BECOME THE BOSS** 

One of the things we love about boss battles is that they offer a challenge that makes them exciting and leaves you feeling rewarded when you finish them. Sometimes, you'll get an achievement or trophy for your hard work when you've defeated a boss as a bonus. If not. though, there are still plenty

more achievements and trophies that you can chase down to get that similar feeling of excitement and reward that a real challenge has to offer. We've got some tips to get you started on taking on the bosses that can earn you achievements and trophies, and some challenges that you can set yourself once you've taken the bosses down.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & TROPHIE**

## TOUGHEST ACHIEVEMENT TITAN SOULS



**Achievement** Laser Eye Surgery Kill the eye cube by pulling back the arrow

COOLEST TROPHY

#### **SHADOW OF THE COLOSSUS**

Achievement Final Colossus

**Defeat 16th Colossus** 

The sixteen Colossi you have to defeat to finish this game are some of the most epic bosses in gaming. The final Colossus is the perfect conclusion. Climb up its massive frame and hang on when it tries to shake you off to defeat it and finish one of the best games of all time.

## MOST ANNOYING ACHIEVEMENT **SKYLANDERS:** SUPERCHARGERS

Achievement Eon's Elite

Complete Story Mode on Nightmare difficulty

Defeating every boss, battling every enemy, and finishing every level on Skylanders's hardest difficulty is a real challenge. Sure, it can be satisfying, but during the harder moments you will find it can also be very frustrating. Don't try this unless you're really good at Skylanders!

#### START A FIGHT

11 Move one square into the room and fire your arrow at the boss. This will start the battle. Don't pull the arrow back yet.

#### PLAYING CHESS

02 Once you've fired the arrow, move two squares right or left and then one square down.

#### PULL BACK

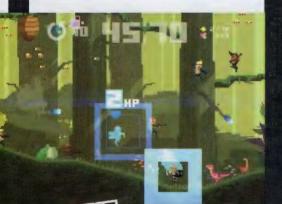
O Call back your arrow and, if you got your timing right, the boss will be in the perfect position for the arrow to hit on its way back to you.

## ACHIEVEMENTS & TROPHIES!

#### SUPER TIME FORCE

Achievement That Was Quick Die within 3 seconds of spawning

In this awesome action-packed game, when one of your characters gets hit, you can rewind to change the past! Sometimes, you end up getting hit right away on your second try, though. Don't worry, because at least you'll get this achievement.



#### MINECRAFT



Achievement Leader of the Pack

Befriend five wolves

Become a doggy-obsessed miner who is followed by wolves by offering them the bones of defeated skeletons to befriend them. They can help you out in battle, which could be handy for the tougher mobs in the game.

#### **FUNNIEST** TROPHY **PORTAL 2**



**Achievement** Pit Boss Show that pit who's boss

After failing to destroy you with a trap that you easily escape from, Wheatley asks you to come back as you run away. If you do, there's some hilarious dialogue where he tries to convince you to jump into a pit. Do it and you will surprise Wheatley and earn yourself a trophy.



#### **ACHIEVEMENTS & TROPHIES**

## MOSTAWESOME TROPHY

#### **LEGO DIMENSIONS**



#### Trophy

It's been fun. Don't come back.

#### Complete "Aperture Science"

Seeing one of the greatest video game characters of all time in the form of GLaDOS appear in *LEGO Dimensions* was one of our favorite moments, and finishing that stage is rewarded with an achievement. What's not to be happy about?



#### EASTEST AGUEVENENTS



Achievement Your Story Starts Here

All you need to do is simply complete one character's story mode in order to get this trophy, which shouldn't give you any problems if you are playing on the easiest difficulty setting.



#### LEGO MARVEL SUPER HEROES

Achievement Don't I Know You?

Grab a friend (or a second controller) and team up Captain America with Human Torch in co-op to get a very easy achievement.



#### SUPER TIME FORCE

**Achievement** Talent Scout

All you have to do for this one is discover one new team member. You'll come across one naturally as you play through the game.



#### GAME END

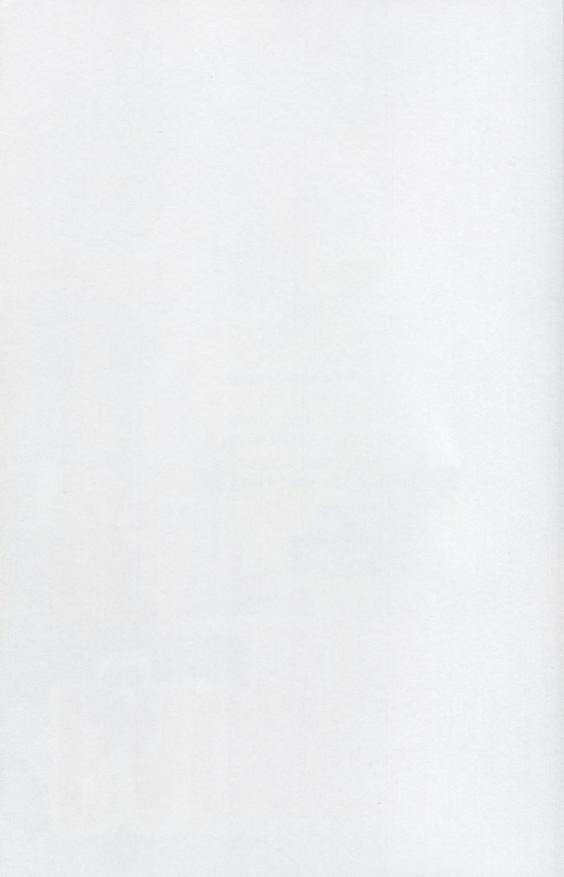
## STAR FOX ZERO Find the secret routes

Star Fox Zero is great when it comes to replayability, with lots of secret alternative routes to be discovered. After you've beat it, why not go back and see if you can find all the hidden paths?

## **STAR FOX ZERO**







# BOSSES BOSSES

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